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Dysart gets smart battery recycling bin

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Some recycling containers in Dysart have gotten a little smarter.

Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. (E360S) unveiled its smart outdoor battery recycling container in Dysart. The containers marked a significant milestone for the company and the province.

The innovative battery recycling container was meticulously designed to withstand harsh weather conditions and mitigate risk. It includes sensors to monitor temperature and material volumes.

The first recycling bin is outside Rails End Gallery & Art Centre at 23 York Street in Haliburton.

John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager, said the launch marked an exciting day for the municipality as well.

"Through this innovative industry partnership, Dysart ratepayers will have another convenient opportunity to

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Lorry Brandon, Andrea Roberts, and Deb Landry scooped up free ice cream at Haliburton Rotary's Summerfest on Tuesday, Aug. 6 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The Stunt Ventriloquist Kids Show dazzled a full audience at the bandshell in Head Lake Park during Summerfest.

Maureen O'Hara Rotary Club of Haliburton Truck Draw chair, Jeff Moulton who drew the winning ticket, and Sue Collings President of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

Scottie Spooner received rose designs at the face painting booth from Pockets the Clown.

The line for Rotary's famous Beef on a Bun.

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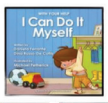

Sarah Lacharity from Environmental 360 Solutions, John Watson from Dysart et al, and James Ewles from Environmental 360 Solutions. stop for a photo with Dysart's new battery recycling bins. /Submitted

Smart bins reshape battery recycling

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recycle their household batteries," he said.

The inception of this innovative solution was inspired by the reduced access for consumers to properly recycle their batteries during the COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying social shutdowns.

The E360S battery recycling facility in Port Colborne specializes in extracting valuable resources from alkaline batteries. It has a recycling efficiency rate of 84 per cent. All recovered resources are reused locally in the manufacture of new products to support the province's circular economy.

That high efficiency rate lessens the need to mine and process ore. That process is a major producer of greenhouse gases.

Over the past two years, E360S has worked to create a container that minimizes risks for collection sites and offers unparalleled accessibility.

"The launch of these new outdoor battery collection bins will provide Ontarians with expanded access to a best-in-class solution for used battery recycling," said Andrew Horsman, vice-president of sustainability at E360S.

"These bins are the product of two years of development and innovation and they incorporate all the combined knowledge of E360S' 20-plus years of experience in collecting used batteries safely, and in a way that allows the valuable materials in them to be recovered."

The devices' sensors allow real-time monitoring of the fill level of the container and its internal temperature by E360S' battery recycling team. It will promptly alert E360S if the temperature inside the container rises.

"In the event of thermal activity, the containers are equipped with a quick deployment suppression system providing optimum safety and reliability for outdoor collection placements," Horsman said.

With the bin installation, Dysart residents can recycle their batteries whenever they choose, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Watson said the new Outdoor Battery Recycling Collection Container is a game-changer for the collection of household batteries.

"Dysart is honoured to be one of only a handful of municipalities across the province to implement this new smart-container," Watson said. "E360S has been on the forefront of battery recycling for many years, effectively recycling household batteries into fertilizers and scrap metal."

The development and testing of the recycling container was made possible through a collaboration between E360S and Sam Santucci, an engineering graduate from Niagara College.

To assess consumer response, outdoor battery recycling containers were strategically placed throughout Ontario over the summer.

"Our newly acquired team has more than 40 years of experience and helped facilitate the first curbside battery collection in North America, as well as other innovative programs that once helped Ontario achieve the highest capture rate in North America," said Donato Ardellini, E360S Founder and CEO.

"These cutting-edge collection containers signify a new era of accessibility and will fundamentally reshape the battery recycling landscape here in Ontario and across North America."

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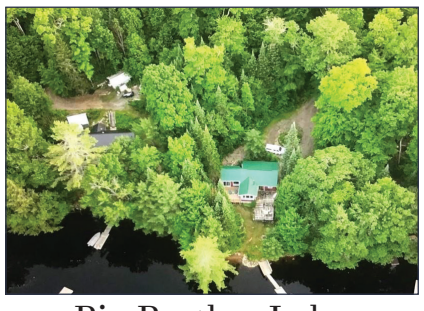
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Environment Haliburton hosts incineration webinar

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

An incinerator may not be the solution Haliburton County is looking for. On Tuesday, July 30 Environment Haliburton (EH) hosted a webinar on waste incineration. The webinar hosted Dr. Paul Connett and activists Linda Gasser, Wendy Bracken, and Liz Benneian. Notably, local politicians Liz Danielsen and Bob Carter were in attendance over Zoom.

"Something has got to change and the best way to start, in my view, is with waste," said Dr. Paul Connett, internationally known expert on environmental chemistry. In the United States of America, only one incinerator for burning waste has been built since 1997, while many have ceased operation, said Connett.

Connett argues that incineration perpetuates a linear economy. After resources are extracted, made into goods, and then consumed, the incineration of waste burns all energy and value from available resources.

"If you build an incinerator in your community, you are advertising to the world that you were not clever enough politically or technically to recover your discarded resources," said Connett.

For every four tonnes of trash that is burnt in an incinerator, approximately one tonne of ash is generated. There are two types of ash including bottom ash and fly ash. Bottom ash accumulates underneath grates within the incinerator, whereas fly ash is collected in air pollution control devices. Both types of ashes are highly toxic. Currently, the ash created in Ontario is shipped to New York where it is put into a landfill, entering our food chains. Some pollutants are not caught in air pollution control devices, including harmful dioxins. Dioxins are a group of chemical compounds that impact fetal and infant development in women and human health in general. Dioxin emissions are only tested once a year using six hour tests under stable conditions. They are not conducted during start-up, shut-down, or 'upset' conditions, during which they emit the most dioxins into the air, said Connett.

"Regulations are not enough to protect the public from emissions. You need strong regulations, adequate monitoring, and tough enforcement," said Connett.

Connett says that microparticles of pollutants would be the size of a grain of sand, whereas the particles that are scrubbed before being released in our atmosphere could be compared to cannonballs.

"Once the particles are in the bloodstream, they can enter any tissue in the body."

"In the future, we may be able to monitor microparticles in our communities, which I think will sign the death knell for incinerators," said Connett.

"If they can't do the hospital situation properly they can't do an incinerator," wrote Dr. James Hyland in the chat.

Following Dr. Paul Connett, Linda Gasser discussed the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) built in Clarington. Gasser described the incinerator as a failure to the residents of Clarington. It was also something that was politically challenging to fight, signed off before incoming politicians had a chance to discuss the topic. To date, Durham does not report operation costs, and dioxin and furan sampling data. The region does not require clear garbage bags to motivate better sorting, reduce garbage and to avoid burning e-waste, said Gasser.

"Haliburton should not consider sending their waste to any incinerator and definitely not one in another community," said Gasser.

"No one should look to the DYEC as a model to emulate. The devil is always in the details and they are not pretty," said Gasser.

Just as very little incinerators have been built in the United States of America, incinerators in Europe such as the Copenhill incinerator in Copenhagen have been considered a financial and climate disaster, said Gasser.

A video, recorded by Wendy Bracken, covered the rates of pollution and emissions by the DYEC and its impact on climate change. A Q and A period followed the video.

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We thank all applicants that apply and advise that only those selected will be contacted.

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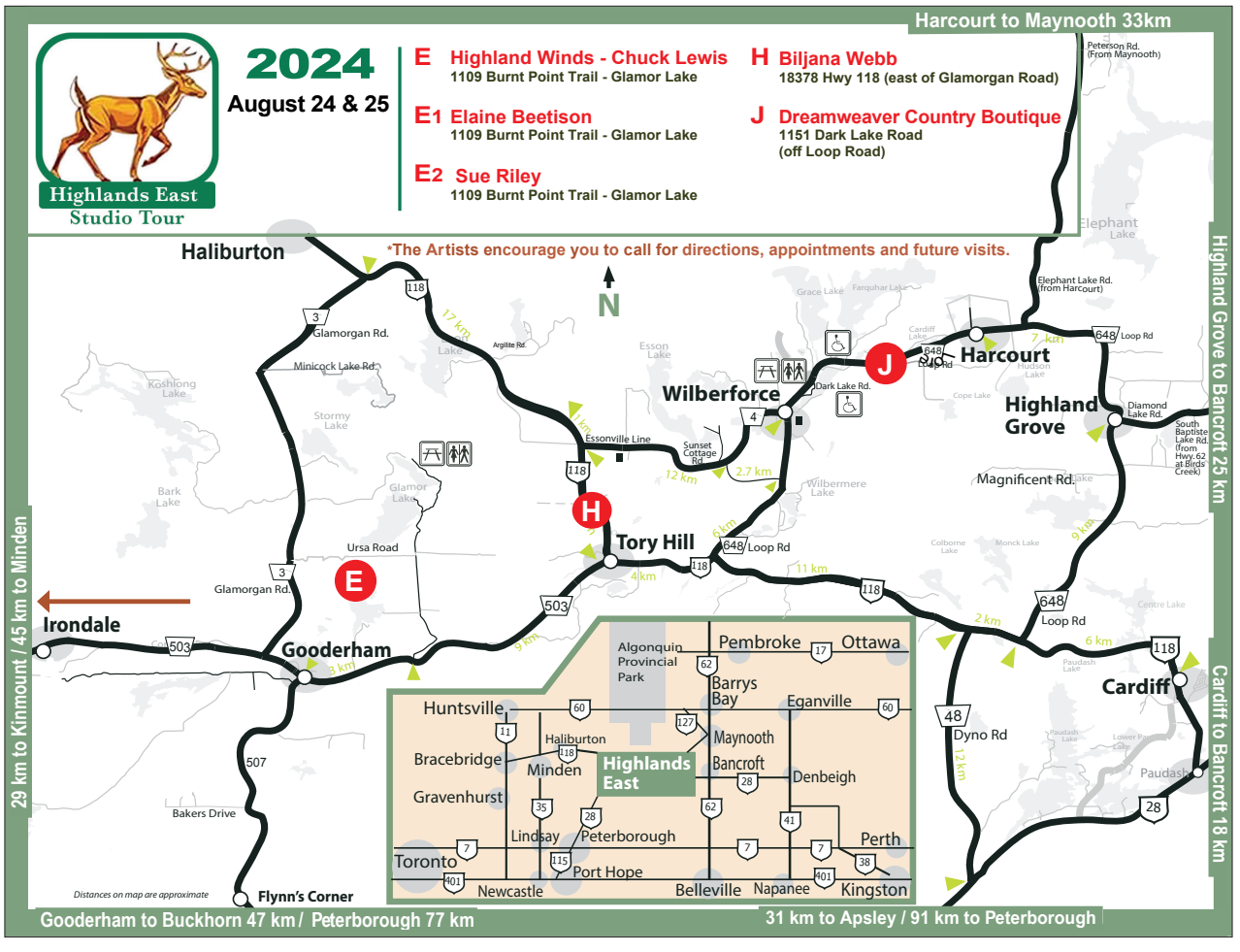

Introducing REFORM + RESTORE

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Two years ago, best friends Sarah Dollo and Shay Hutchings made their lifelong dreams a reality with the purchase of a space on Industrial Park Road to carry out their health-based services.

Since then, they've been offering clinical pilates, registered massage therapy and standard first aid and CPR training along with other health services.

REFORM + RESTORE is a new legal incorporation of Wellness Hub, RMT Shay Hutchings, and Reform Pilates Studio as one entity.

"After two years in business and ownership of the building, we were able to reassess our business model as we continued to grow," said Dollo and Hutchings. "Wellness Hub was originally a landlord for a variety of health and wellness businesses, and as we watched these businesses flourish and move on, we decided to take the opportunity to introduce some other fitness avenues we are passionate about. We have both always shared a love/passion for holistic wellness, so it only made sense to join forces and create something that is an expression of us and our friendship."

R+R, as they call it, will also now be adding spin, yoga, and weight training to their list of services.

"We will continue to host a variety of wellness workshops, and hope to continue to expand the rehabilitation side of the hub," they said.

The conversation to make a change started six months ago after evaluating how the Hub operated and discovering some changes they hoped to make.

"It naturally sparked inspiration that drove this evolution of the Wellness Hub."

Shay Hutchings and Sarah Dollo opened the Wellness Hub in Haliburton a year ago, and have just created a new business, REFORM + RESTORE, to encompass all of their services. /Photo by Danielle Hicks

Their Instagram page has been filled with fresh, new branding thanks to the help of their friend, Alexandra Killingbeck from Studio K.

With a new, successful business, they're looking to expand their team.

R+R is now taking applications from fitness instructors and registered health practitioners to join the hub.

"We hope to continue to bring a variety of unique wellness services to the community."

They can be reached by email wellnesshubhali@gmail.com and found on Instagram @reform.x.restore.

All classes and services can be booked through the MINDbody App.

Within the next few days, keep an eye on the app for discounted pop-up classes to be offered throughout August for the opportunity to try out some of R+R's new services.

Memberships will be coming soon.

"We are excited to welcome you to the next phase of your local Wellness Hub!"

Haliburton resident wins truck draw

Haliburton resident Paul Morissette, winner of this years annual Rotary club of Haliburton car draw is pictured with from left Haliburton Rotarian and car draw co-chair Heather Phillips, Haliburton Rotarian and car draw co-chair Maureen O'Hara, Paul Morissette, Rotary Club of Haliburton President Sue Collings and Bob Johnson Curry Chevrolet sales. Paul was very happy to win this year's draw and decided to take the $40,000.00 cash prize instead of the vehicle. Paul has been a long time supporter of the annual draw as this was his 48th year that he has purchased tickets. Congratulations Paul! /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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A view of the Burnt River from the Rail Trail. by Thomas Smith

Editorial

Saved by the scan

vivian collings

ONE IN eight women are expected to develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

That's five hundred million women around the planet if we go off of Earth's population today.

How many women do you know that have been diagnosed?

One in 34 will be diagnosed too late to survive.

It's the most common cancer in women.

Right now, 83 per cent of breast cancer cases occur in women 50 and older.

Screening is recommended every two to three years for women 50 and over.

For women in my family, I know that they've had to travel to Peterborough in the past for mammograms.

Of course, it's amazing to live in a country where screening tests like these are conducted without a fee to the patient.

Rural health care, though, still has a long way to go.

News of the CT scanner coming to the Haliburton hospital last year was beyond exciting.

But personally, I was maybe even more excited for the arrival of a mammography unit.

I know far too many women who had to undergo treatment and even surgery for breast cancer.

Traveling to the city for mammograms is fine for those who have access to a vehicle.

They may even make a day of it and run other errands as well.

But now, any woman who lives in Haliburton County will have access to a mammography unit right next to their emergency room.

That's huge.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is hosting a Radiothon this weekend, and all funds raised will go towards the mammography unit.

They feature two women living in the Highlands that had been diagnosed with breast cancer from a mammogram.

"Screening saves lives," they said.

What's more alarming to me now is that although more women over 50 are the ones being diagnosed with breast cancer, it's the women under 40 that are more likely to die from it.

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation said women under 40 are more likely to have larger, aggressive, advanced-stage tumours.

And the cases are rising.

Even if younger women are able to have effective treatment, they're more likely to develop it again in five to 10 years.

I understand the numbers are way smaller, and use of equipment is expensive.

But what about those women under 40 that will develop it?

Is it more advanced in them because they're only able to catch it when they feel a physical tumour themselves?

Everyone that fears the risk of breast cancer should have access to scanning.

I know a girl who was diagnosed at age 19.

It had already spread to her lymph nodes.

She underwent two surgeries and a year of treatment.

She lived, but she will carry that trauma with her forever.

And, breast cancer can pop up at any time. It can double in size within six months.

It seems that the two to three year, routine mammograms may be missing early detection as well.

It's wonderful to have this life-saving piece of technology coming to our backyard, but I think we still have a long way to go in terms of early detection of one of the most deadly diseases in women.

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Our road

Summer days and nights

Down

sharon lynch

WHEN TED heard the alarm he groaned and rolled over. He had already been awake for a while. The recent hot weather was making life uncomfortable. He kept the house closed up during the day and then opened every window once the sun went down to encourage cooler night air to move in. But after a week of record-breaking high temperatures, even this tactic had limited effectiveness.

He made his coffee and took it outside. Not a leaf stirred by the deck as he sat and sipped, reviewing his plans for the day. What he really wanted to do was go to the lake but there were too many chores that needed his attention today.

By supper time Ted was feeling pretty proud of himself. The vegetables were weeded, the grass cut and trimmed and even the gate got painted. So he figured tomorrow he could get away with going to the lake without feeling like a slacker. Of course no one but himself would really appreciate all he had accomplished in the heat but that was fine with him. He didn't need anyone's approval. Except maybe Sherman's.

Sherman was his dog. A large mixed-breed getting on in years, Sherman was the one Ted usually talked to about whatever was on his mind. Lately Sherman had been hearing a lot of complaining about the weather. He listened, tongue hanging out as he panted in the sun. Ted never understood why the dog wanted to lie on the deck in full sunlight, looking like he was ready to collapse from the heat. He asked Sherman about this but the only response was more panting.

There were some leftovers in the frig and once they were heated up, Ted moved outside hoping in vain for an evening breeze. Sherman looked hopefully at Ted as he ate even though there was no chance for a taste.

Later, after the sun had gone down and the air felt more like a soft warm blanket rather than a steam bath, Ted clipped on Sherman's leash and the two buddies went for their nightly walk.

This was when Ted enjoyed hot weather. He liked strolling around the neighbourhood in a t-shirt, feeling the air on his bare arms and contemplating the meaning of the universe. No heavy boots, thick bulky jacket or gloves to shield him from the elements. Instead he felt wonderfully free as he marched along with his furry companion.

The stars were emerging and although the street lights dimmed them somewhat, he could still make out the big dipper and Venus. Sherman was happy as a clam, enjoying all the smells as he stopped at his favourite spots and found new ones along the way.

Sometimes a dog or two didn't think much of Ted or Sherman walking on their street past their house and they made that abundantly clear. Sherman took his cue from Ted and ignored them. With windows open to the warm night air, sound often spilled out into the darkness. Ted heard things.

There were the expected big-screen rumblings and explosions because that seemed to be what many neighbours enjoyed for relaxation. Ted preferred quiet with the occasional owl hoot as he and Sherman moved along. Musical tastes were easy to discern and seldom were they classical in nature. Cats might yowl, sending Ted's teeth on edge with the sound, reminding him of fingers nails on old-fashioned blackboards.

He also heard people. Sometimes it was angry-sounding voices, a slammed door and once there was a loud bang that he couldn't get out of his head for the rest of the evening.

When the inside of a building is lit at night and no window coverings hide the interior, Ted makes an effort not to look at what is there for all the world to see. More than once he has been tempted to go up to the neighbour's door and suggest they close the blinds or curtains. But he never does. Instead he looks down at Sherman, so happy with all that has been left by other dogs and thinks what an easy, simple life his canine friend has. Of course Sherman would have something to say about that.

points of view

Lend me your ears

steve galea

Loon Tales

I DON'T think I have to remind anyone that Monday, August 12 was World Elephant Day. Like most of you, it will take me a while to recover from the festivities.

Here's hoping that everyone had a fantastic holiday.

Not to brag, but we really did World Elephant Day right this year.

Under Jenn's direction, I did the things we all do on World Elephant Day: I ate peanuts, trampled the miniature village I made, acted as if I was terrified of mice, packed a trunk, and balanced on a huge ball while Jenn wore circus garb and cracked a whip. And, though I am normally adverse to credit card use, I charged everything that day – as is also the custom.

I guess what I am trying to say is that we celebrated it no differently than anyone else.

But here's my big concern. If you looked around town, you would hardly know it was World Elephant Day at all. Where are all the storefront displays featuring elephants? Where were all the acacia trees?

But, rest assured, that didn't stop me from going out alone on my World Elephant Day celebratory parade. And, as always, I was dressed in the elephant costume that Jenn insists I wear each year.

But things have changed. I greeted everyone with a jovial, "Merry World Elephant Day!" but very few of you returned the greeting.

This did not stop me from trying to revive the spirit of the holiday, however. No sir. I knocked on neighbourhood doors and started trumpeting "The Elephant Song" made famous by Barney. But again, I was disappointed. Most of you never answered, or even pelted me with traditional World Elephant Day peanuts. But don't think I didn't see you peeking out the window – without your festive tusks on, I might add.

Between you and me, if Jenn didn't insist we keep the spirit of World Elephant Day alive, as she has for every year since she first introduced me to it, I would have given up long ago.

To be completely honest, without her insistence, I would just celebrate it quietly, like most of you. But it means so much to her.

Every year, we sit down and watch the traditional classics. (Basically, anything with Babar in it.) And then, call me old-fashioned, but I go rogue. Then, as is customary, after trampling some crops, I eventually calm down when I arrive at the watering hole. That's when I collect water in my nose and then spray it over my back.

I won't say this means a lot to Jenn, but let's just say when I look at her there are tears streaming down her face. And, frankly, that is why I do it.

Jenn loves World Elephant Day like no other. Moreover, she keeps the spirit alive year-round by referring to me as Dumbo and saying "Bull" every time I tell her a good fish story.

I'm grateful for that too.

Yet I think its time to address the elephant in the room. These are changing times, and our old traditions are fading. As much as I hate to admit it, it sometimes feels as if I am the only one truly celebrating World Elephant Day.

To that I say tusk, tusk, tusk. Because this is a day I believe we should never forget.

pic of the past

This week's photo is from the Echo archives. The original caption reads: "This week's photo shows the Tomkin, Dupont Graphite Company mill at Wilberforce in the early 1900s. This mining company was owned by the Diamond Graphite company who operated the mill right up until the First World War started in 1914, shipping graphite to Germany. Following the war, the company moved to the United States. The mill was located where the Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Company eventually located (which has also ceased operation)." /FILE

letters to the editor

Gratitude for WG Towing

To the Editor,

While backing my trailer down a steep and narrow driveway, my SUV slipped on loose gravel and slid partway over the steep embankment. I was able to stabilize the vehicle using my ATV winch, then called CAA. Mr. Eric Mallett and Ms. Amber Cooper of West Guilford Towing and Recovery soon arrived to rescue my vehicle.

As I moved the ATV from the path of the towing cable it overturned rolled over me. Eric, an experienced first responder and firefighter immediately checked me for injuries, and advised me to attend at the Haliburton Hospital. Diana, my wife, drove me to the hospital, where we found the staff to be considerate, competent and professional.

While undergoing my diagnostic evaluation, Eric arrived and inquired as to my well being.

Awesome!

I was embarrassed to admit "no" when asked if I was wearing a helmet.

With much gratitude,

Dr. W. John Ramage
Haliburton Lake

Excellent medical staff

To the Editor,

On Saturday, July 27, I fell very ill. I want to thank the paramedics who attended to me and took me to the hospital. I want to thank Dr. Bohra, the ER nurses and the x-ray technician who were all very kind, caring and efficient even though they were very busy that day. I was kept in the hospital overnight and taken home the next day feeling much better. We in Haliburton are very fortunate to have our great little hospital and the very good people who work there. Thank you.

Lolita Mitchell
Haliburton

Splendid Summerfest

To the Editor,

Awesome is how my grandchildren described their evening in the park on Aug. 6. They loved it all: face painting, fishing, golfing, hammering, building, bouncing and belly laughing at the "stunt ventriloquist" to say nothing of ice cream, candy floss and popcorn. Hotdogs and the beef on a bun were yummy. Ambulance and fire truck were a huge success. Music in the park provided something for everyone.

What a toast to summer and family fun!

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Haliburton and all their marvelous volunteers who worked so hard with big smiles to make a marvelous family outing in the park on a beautiful night. We thank them for an awesome evening in the park, all their work and all they do in our community.

Michael and Carol Browne and
their chickadees (grandchildren)
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Silence is golden

The Haliburton School of Arts + Design (HSAD) will host a Silent Art Auction & Cocktail Reception in the Great Hall at the Haliburton Campus on Thursday, Aug. 8. The auction featured unique pieces crafted by HSAD's talented faculty, with additional items contributed by local businesses, a 50/50 draw, hors d'oeuvres provided by The Haliburton Post House, and live jazz performances by Nicholas Russell & Marcus Thompson. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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Time:: 3:00 pm
Location: Minden Library
VOICE OF PRIDE ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION
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Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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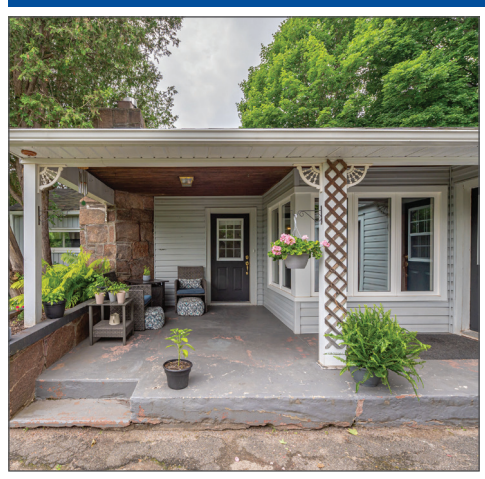

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Children's Grassroots Soccer

We all gathered on the fields with umbrellas in hand as the remainder of Hurricane Debby started to track across the county. It was a great night and the skill level and gameplay has steadily been improving since the first week. More and more comments and questions are being asked about next year and if Haliburton will ever get its own soccer fields as this sport grows every year. /Submitted by Andrew Brown

Adam Rieger - MVP Royal Blue Boys 7-9

Hadley Judson earned this week's MVP by an almost unanimous team vote. Despite losing 2-1, Hadley stopped several dozen goals against the red team who dominated the match. She has improved as goalie is such a short time. - Here's what she had to say when asked what she likes best about soccer: "I love how soccer brings teams together. It opens people's eyes to how important team work is."

Left, Jalynn Chambers. Right, Kora Reid. Red 10-13 team We had a powerhouse duo tonight who brought it hard for the whole game! Both played incredibly well in midfield positions supporting both the defence and forwards as well as taking shot after shot with Kora scoring one to boot! They kept the energy and momentum high for the whole team!

Makinley Annis - Royal blue mixed 4-6 team

McKenna Coulter - Royal blue mixed 4-6 team

Purple 7-9 girls MVP - Mea Iles

Pearl Mansfield - 7-9 Red - Pearl has got skills! She is a diverse player who puts passion and commitment into every game. Way to go Pearl!

Rhett Spooner - "My favourite part of soccer is scoring goals!" - Tonight Rhett put the pressure on and dug in - she kept shooting & scored! She cheered on our whole team and kept everyone motivated!

Ruairi Byrne – MVP Silver Boys 10-13 – MVP for his consistent positioning and ready for a pass at all times.

Two Highlands residents tell stories of timely mammograms

Bringing mammography to Haliburton County will save lives – Please support the MooseFM Health Radiothon to improve local healthcare

Darlene Armstrong and Tammy Rea may not know each other but they share a similar story – breast cancer caught early means that they are alive today. And they want everyone to know just how important local access to digital mammography is for the women of Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) Here for You in the Highlands campaign is raising money to ensure a new and state-of-the-art digital mammography unit is available in the County. Every dollar donated during the upcoming MooseFM Health Radiothon on Aug. 15 & 16 will receive two more dollars through two matching gifts. The new digital mammography equipment is expected to be installed and operating by the end of this year.

"Tragically, two members of my book club have died from cancer and I might have been another statistic in the club," says Gull Lake resident Tammy Rea. "I consider it a miracle. I'm one of the lucky ones as I was able to take the time and have the resources to travel outside the County for a mammogram."

Tammy was diagnosed with stage zero breast cancer, something that could only be detected through a screening mammogram. She received treatment quickly and is back to her busy life as a mom, wife, and community organizer. In July, she participated in the 15-kilometre swim challenge organized by the Canadian Cancer Society.

When Darlene Armstrong of Haliburton discovered a lump on her breast, she traveled to Peterborough for the mammogram that confirmed the diagnosis.

"I was very surprised to be diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 45," said Darlene. "I live a healthy, active lifestyle. In 2018, I would not have qualified for regular mammogram screening because I was considered too young. I am pleased to hear the guidelines for screening are changing and women aged 40 will now qualify."

Given the family history and the results of her mammogram, the healthcare team was concerned the cancer would spread throughout her body. Darlene underwent successful chemotherapy and radiation. "To put it bluntly, screening says lives. It saved mine," she says. Darlene, who is on staff at HHHS and a county resident, is acutely aware of the need in the Haliburton Highlands.

Tammy and Darlene both stress the importance of regular mammograms but also know the strain in terms of time and money makes it difficult or impossible for many County residents to make the trip to Peterborough or Lindsay for the 15-minute diagnostic test. What is considered routine in urban centres can be a huge barrier for women in rural areas.

"I cannot overstate the importance of a getting a regular mammogram. How lucky we will be to have this screening test closer to our homes," says Darlene. For the past six years, she has taken a day off work to travel to Peterborough for her mammograms.

Local access to mammography will be especially important as the province recently announced that women over 40 will be regularly referred for a mammogram at their annual checkup. Women over 70 will have to continue to ask for their mammogram each year.

There are an estimated 6,000 women in the Highlands at risk of breast cancer who will benefit from easy access to digital mammography. It is a disease which can be successfully treated if caught early, as Tammy and Darlene can attest to.

"I am grateful I am here to use my voice to help bring this life-saving equipment to Haliburton County," says Tammy. "My money is supporting mammography, and I am encouraging everyone in this amazing community to do the same."

The HHHS Foundation is the recipient of the annual MooseFM Health Radiothon which takes place this year from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 15 and 16, presented by Minden Subaru and hosted by Rick Lowes.

How to support the Radiothon:

Online donations: www.hhhs.ca/foundation/give

Over the phone: 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580

In-person donation locations (10-4 p.m. Aug 15 & 16):

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- Todd's Independent Grocer, 5121 Haliburton County Rd 21, Haliburton
- Dollo's Foodland, 12325 ON-35, Minden
- Parks' Foodland, 188 Highland Street, Haliburton
- Tim Horton's drive-thru in Minden
- MooseFm Radio station 6am-6pm, 152 Highland Street, Haliburton

Limited hourly sponsorships available: call 705-457-1580, first come first served.

Plus special challenges and prizes throughout the day. To learn more about how HHHS is Here for You and how you can make a gift during the Radiothon which will be double matched, please visit the HHHS Foundation website: hhhs.ca/foundation.

For more information about the campaign and to discuss how you can get involved please contact, Executive Director, Melanie Klodt Wong (mklodtwong@hhhs.ca) 705-457-1580.

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>
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Submitted by HHHSF

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Eleanor Cooper
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Even as far away as Minden, I am in touch with Guilford. Barry Boice's son, Zach is married to Cassidy Garbutt, and they all rejoice in the arrival of their son Luke in July 2024.

Another connection is a PSW here. She is the granddaughter of my friend, Sylvie Cook who has been a close acquaintance since we met through our bereavement support group having each lost our loved one six years ago.

Bear with me as I uncover news which happened over my hiatus in the column writing.

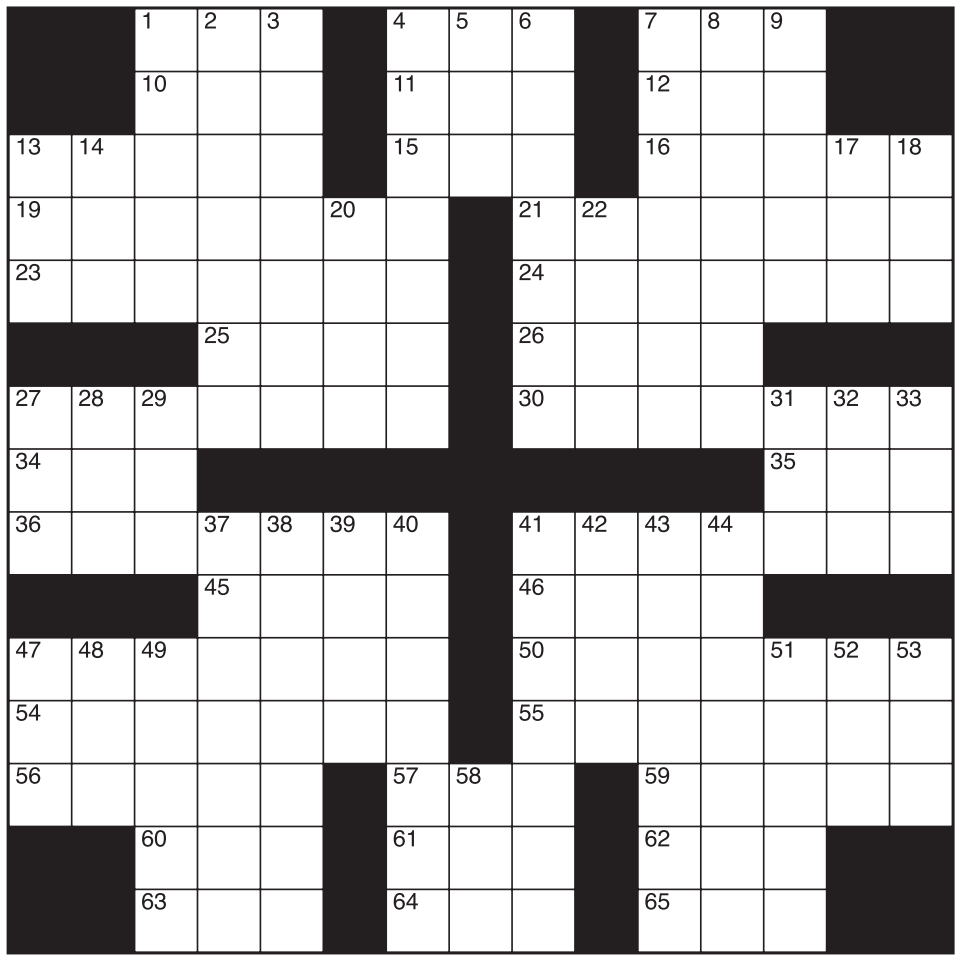
Much belated congratulations to Russell and Doreen Sisson, parents of Lisa and Kevin Hamilton, proud grandparents of Morgan and Hailly who made them all happy with the arrival of Bodie Ronald Kevin in March. This from Susan Norcoss who paid me an unexpected (aren't they the best!) and delightful visit at the entrance of the residence on Sunday afternoon. May visitors keep coming!

Congratulations to Jim and Margaret Milne on their 60th Wedding Anniversary in August at Deerhurst.

Congratulations to Grade 12 graduate Mikayla Sisson, daughter of Darol Sisson, one of Phrona and Calvin Sisson's family.What a fine speech Abi Lewis gave too and for the many graduates from Grade 12's Haliburton High! Wish I'd had that kind of encouragement and advice when at 17 I graduated from Barrie's Grade 13. Abi, may you go far and keep your dreams.

A happy 90th birthday

Over 100 friends and family congratulated Eleanor Cooper at her 90th birthday party held at the West Guilford Community Centre Saturday August 3rd. To lead off the main festivities Eleanor's son Allan played the bag pipes in a short procession which included a very proud Eleanor. After the grand entrance by Eleanor, and a photo session everyone enjoyed a tasty piece of birthday cake. The party was a great community celebration that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Congratulations Eleanor! Pictured with Eleanor from left to right are her children Beth, Andy, Allan and George. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



CLUES ACROSS
1. Major American automaker (abbr.)
4. Pressure measurement
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Indigenous person from Laos or Thailand
11. Up in the air (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Bog arum genus
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Type of test
23. Monetary units
24. Collection of various things
25. Sum of five and one
26. Type of sword
27. Hates
30. Immobile
34. Pie _ _ mode
35. Moved quickly
36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
41. A way through
45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Greetings
54. Remedy
55. Soft lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. People get one in summer
62. Wreath
63. Thus far
64. They __
65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN
1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Can't move
5. Helps little firms
6. Lists of names, subjects, etc.
7. Takes down
8. Makes possible
9. Wife of Julius Constantius
13. Engine additive
14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Something the first shall be
22. No (slang)
27. Gov't lawyers
28. PeytonÕs little brother
29. Small amount
31. Investment vehicle
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Popular sport in England and India
39. King Charles's sister
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Maidservant
43. Able to be marketed
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
4.9 Oneness
51. Bitter chemical
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

Answers on page 19

Come sail away

The annual Drag Lake sailing regatta was held on Saturday, Aug. 3. We had a nice turnout of 7 boats ranging from lasers to Hobie cats. The wind conditions were quite variable, challenging the racers to adapt.

After adjusting for handicaps, the results were as follows:
- In first place, we had Greg Platt, Zoe Platt and Kayla Langon in a Hobie 16
- John Willkes and Kurt placed second in their Laser 11
- Bruce Freeman and Cash Freeman placed third in their Laser
- Peter Freeman and Bea Freeman were fourth in a Laser
- Madelaine Plat, Bennet Brule and Frankiesha placed fifth in a Hobie 18
- Les Gondar placed sixth in his Hobie Tandem Island
- Rod and Nancy McNairn sailed a great race in their Invitation, but missed the first buoy and ended up in seventh place

Thanks to Rozalynd Platt and Donna Freeman for serving as the race committee. Thanks to Huw Morgan for the safety boat and pictures and to our honorary ambassador, Ray Taylor. /Submitted

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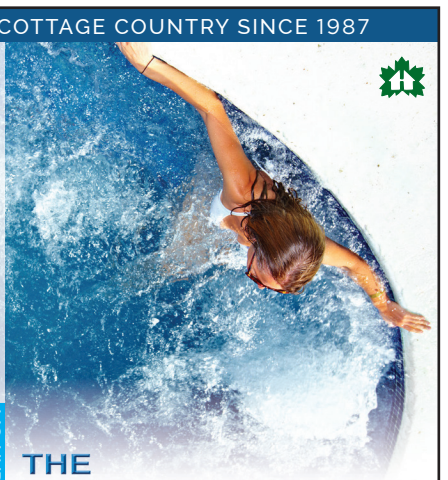

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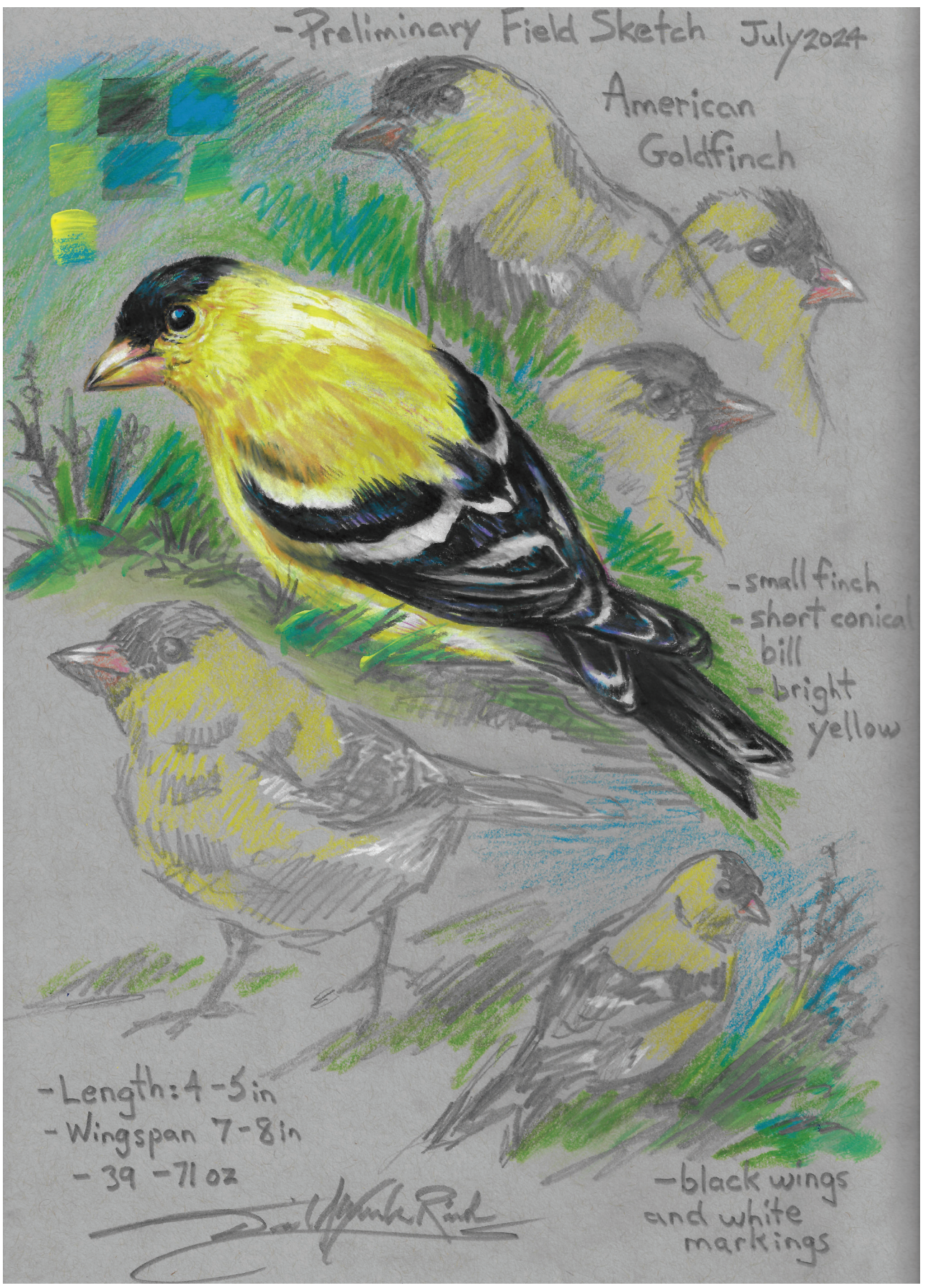

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Sketches in Nature's Sketchbook are created by David Alexander Risk, a renowned local artist dedicated to sharing his love for nature and inspiring young residents and visitors to learn more about the natural world of the Haliburton Highlands.

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Carol Parnell
Resident of Haliburton

Peacefully at Haliburton Extendicare on Thursday evening, August 1st, 2024 in her 81st year. Carol has been reunited with her beloved husband, the late Gary Parnell. Loving mother of Tony Ajo, grandmother of Ryan (Shelby), and Michael, sister of Raymond. She was predeceased by her brother Michael. Carol will also be fondly remembered by her many dear nieces and nephews.

Celebration Of Life

There will be a private family service with a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date. In honor of Carol, donations in memory can be made to Extendicare Proud Pioneers. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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In Loving Memory of

Eleanor "Elly" Patricia Malcomson

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Eleanor 'Elly' Patricia Malcomson, who departed this life on August 3, 2024, at the age of 87, after a sudden and brief illness.

Elly was the loving wife of the late Jim Malcomson, to whom she was married for 55 wonderful years until his passing in 2017. She was a dedicated mother to her daughters, Nancy (Elliott) and her husband Michael, and Sherryl Malcomson (Crompton) and her husband Andrew. Her grandchildren, Tristan and Rachael Crompton, and Alex Elliott, will forever hold her in their hearts.

Elly and Jim shared a lifetime of memories, having met as children in Mimico and attending high school together. Elly went on to earn a degree in Library Sciences from the University of Toronto, subsequently dedicating her career to the Toronto Public Library. Her work took her to libraries in Leaside and East York, where she touched many with her warmth and expertise.

Beyond her professional life, Elly was a passionate musician. She directed the choir at St. Phillips' Anglican Church in Unionville, where she also founded the community choir 'Village Voices,' which she directed for many years. Her love for music extended to the stage, where she performed in numerous Gilbert & Sullivan plays.

After retirement, Elly and Jim moved to the Haliburton Highlands, enjoying life on Twelve Mile Lake and in the towns of Haliburton and Minden. Elly cherished her time at the lake, where she found peace in the watching the loons and joy in her morning swims where she was occasionally accompanied by the loons. Elly and Jim's home at the lake was always open for their children's friends and families, with games, cookies, water fights, comic books and campfire songs available to all.

Elly continued to enrich the community with her musical talents, singing in the Zion Church Choir, which later became the Highland Hills Church Choir, and performing with the Highlands Festival Singers for nearly 30 years. She was also part of a trio called the Trivocals, delighting audiences with many songs including their rendition of 'Sisters.'

Elly's community spirit was also evident in her volunteer work. She was actively involved with the Friends of the Library, organizing the Book Club Gala, and working tirelessly to help open the library in Minden.

A Service to Celebrate Elly's Life will be held at the Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Elly's life was a testament to her dedication to family, music, and community. She leaves behind a legacy of love, harmony, and service, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Donations can be made to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (cheques only) or the Highland Hills United Church (Minden United Church), in tribute to Elly's lifelong commitment to community service and the arts. Donations can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0

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Liberal ready for a fight

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's time for Canadians to decide the future of this country, says the riding's Liberal candidate.

Marlene White says she and her party are ready and willing to wage a fight for people's votes in a federal election.

"With the Green Shift plan this would be a wonderful time for us to go to the polls," she said during a visit to Haliburton on Thursday. "People need to talk about this plan and its impact on our country and our planet. We need a Liberal government to be elected and in power to put these policies in place.

"I'm passionate about our country. I'm not happy with the way it's drifting and there needs to be some change."

She says it was right to wait for the country to get to know her leader, Stéphane Dion, before challenging the minority Conservative government. He was not the party's leader in the last federal election in January of 2006. "We needed some time to get to know Stéphane Dion and all of his positive qualities and see what he's keen about and his vision for Canada."

Both Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper are making noises about prompting an election.

See **Liberals** *page 20*

MATT JAMES/Echo

Sweet, sweet madness

Sydney Cameron, 10, of Haliburton loves her cotton candy and the *Echo's* Midnight Madness event on Friday, August 1 couldn't have gone any better. The *Echo's* general manager David Zilstra said this year's event marked the 20th anniversary. For more fun photos see page 3 and visit the photo gallery at www.haliburtonecho.ca.

Passport panic may be avoided

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

A record number of Canadians are expected to apply for passports over the next year in anticipation of stricter requirements to enter the U.S., but local MP Barry Devolin says his constituents shouldn't panic just yet.

As is stands now, anyone hoping to enter the U.S. by land or water will need a passport as of June 1, 2009, which could result in a surge of as many as 5.2 million passport applications by next April, the Canadian Press reported recently.

But in an interview with the *Echo* last week, Devolin said his government is now looking for alternatives that could help Canada circumvent the looming deadline and avoid huge backlogs at Passport Canada.

"What we're hoping is that we can come up with an alternative before June 2009, and that's what the government of Canada is working on," said Devolin. "People shouldn't need a passport if they're just looking to drive to Buffalo for some chicken wings."

Instead, Devolin said the government is looking at smart enhanced drivers' licences that could streamline border crossings between the neighbouring countries without the need for an $87 passport. A pilot project in already being tested in British Columbia and Washington state.

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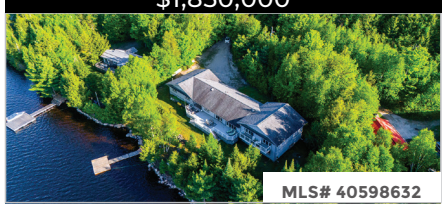
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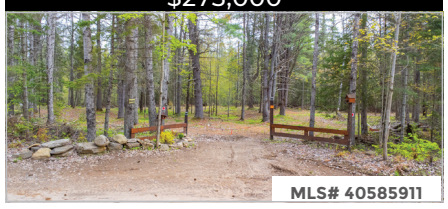
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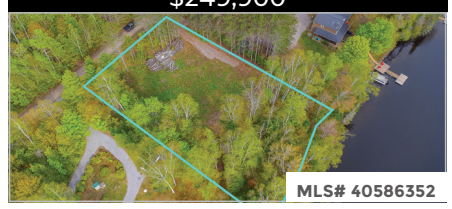
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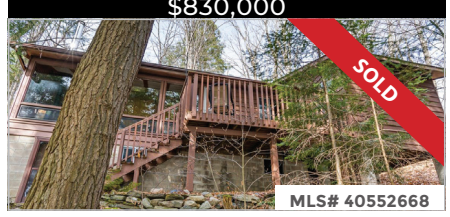

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